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In re Application of )  
David William BALSDON )  
Application No.: 09/592,907 ) Group Art Unit: 3753  
Filed: 13 June 2000 ) Examiner: J. Fox  
For: CANISTER PURGE VALVE FOR HIGH )  
REGENERATION AIR FLOW )

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Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

**AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR**  
**RECONSIDERATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

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In response to the final Office Action dated 31 December 2001 (Paper no. 9), the period for reply to which extends to 1 April 2002 (31 March 2002 having fallen on a Sunday), please amend the above-identified application as follows.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend as follows the paragraph that was added by the reply filed 7 November 2001. This paragraph was added on page 4, after the original paragraph that ends on line 5.

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As shown in figure 5, the pin can include a first portion that is at least partially surrounded by the bobbin 6, and can also include a second portion that can occlude the aperture of the valve seat 13. The first and second portions can be adjacent to each other. In a preferred embodiment, the first portion has a cross-sectional area that is greater than a cross-sectional area of the second portion.

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